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SUBJECT: BAHR AND FRG-ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA)

1. AT TRIPARTITE AMBASSADORIAL MEETING FEB 19, THREE AMBASSADORS TOOK NOTE OF MINISTER BAHR'S COMMENTS IN WASHINGTON, BONN, AND OTHER PLACES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN FULLY CONSULTED BY THE FRG ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA IN WEST BERLIN. ALL THREE TOOK ISSUE WITH BAHR'S ASSERTION. UK SIDE HAD ALREADY PREPARED OUTLINE OF FACTS FOR INFORMAL UNILATERAL PRESENTATION TO BAHR AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY. TEXT OF UK PAPER FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:
A. ON 17 APRIL 1973 THE HEAD OF THE SENATSKANZLEI INFORMED THE THREE ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN THAT THE SENAT WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE FEDERAL ENVIRON-MENTAL AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN. THE ALLIED
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REPRESENTATIVES WERE INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNING MAYOR

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WAS WRITING TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR TO UNDERLINE BERLIN'S INTEREST IN THIS KIND OF ORGANIZATION. NO FORMAL PROPOSAL WAS PUT TO THE ALLIED MISSIONS, NOR WERE THE ALLIED MISSIONS ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS.

B. ON 23 AUGUST 1973 THE SENAT INFORMED THE THREE ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INTENDED SETTING UP THE FEA IN BERLIN AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE TO THIS EFFECT WHEN HERR GENSCHER CAME TO BERLIN ON 27 AUGUST 1973.

C. THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE RAISED THIS MATTER AT A BONN GROUP MEETING ON 23 AUGUST (I.E. THE SAME DAY). NEITHER THE FRG NOR THE SENAT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE BONN GROUP HAD DEFINITE INFORMATION. LATER ON THE SAME DAY BOTH REPRESENTATIVES SEPARATELY TOLD THE ALLIED REPRE-SENTATIVES IN THE BONN GROUP THAT NO FIRM DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN DURING HERR GENSCHER'S VISIT TO BERLIN, ALTHOUGH THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN HIM AND THE GOVERNING MAYOR, HERR SCHUTZ.

D. ON 27 AUGUST, FOUR DAYS AFTER THE BRITISH REPRE-SENTATIVE HAD RAISED THE MATTER IN THE BONN GROUP, HERR GENSCHER ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THE DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO SET UP THE FEA IN BERLIN.

E. IT IS NOT THE CASE THEREFORE THAT PRIOR TO HERR GENSCHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THE FEA IN BERLIN, AND HAD GIVEN THEIR CONSENT TACITLY OR EXPLICITLY.
END TEXT.
2. COMMENT: WHILE THE BRITISH PAPER IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE BAHR'S CONCEPT OF THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER, WE THINK IT USEFUL TO PASS THE ACTUAL CHRONOLOGY AROUND, NOT ONLY TO HIM BUT TO OTHERS IN THE FONOFF. FOR THE ALLEGATIONS PUT ABOUT BY BAHR ARE SIMPLY NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE FACTS. THERE WAS NO CONSULTATION BY THE FRG ON THE FEA ISSUE IN THE REAL SENSE OF THAT TERM.
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